



Ohio

Chemical Dependency
Professionals Board

ATTENTION NEW RULES IN EFFECT ON JULY 3, 2023

Please review the list below for *some* of the changes or you may select to review the OAC rules under the Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4758; link is under Laws and Rules tab on this website.

HIGHLIGHTS of some of the changes:

The definition of what can be considered meeting the requirements of a “**behavioral science degree**” was changed in OAC 4758-2-01 to include certain degrees OR it can be determined to be a “behavioral science degree” if the degree includes 24 semester hours (previous rule was 27 hours) of certain courses (more courses were added in the new rule). A degree is required for all treatment counseling licenses, (LCDCII, LCDCIII, LICDC, LICDC-CS (an exception is made for the LCDCII license where a bachelor’s degree in any field is accepted as well)

Requirements for the independent LICDC license (OAC 4758-5-05) have been changed to eliminate the 40-semester master’s degree requirement and now allows for certain master’s degrees to waive the Masters Education courses and hours formerly known as the Masters Education Grid. Also, for those who do not have the listed degrees in this new rule, the master’s education content areas and number of coursework hours has changed (See new Master’s Degree Coursework FORM and Masters Coursework definitions under Certification and Licensure, Treatment, LICDC). The new rule also allows applicants who did not complete enough hours of coursework required with their master’s degree or higher can submit documentation of a maximum of three (3) graduate level courses for those needed hours OUTSIDE of the master’s degree to meet the requirements.

The Chemical Dependency specific education is now using updated language and will be referenced as the **Specific Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Education**. (OAC 4678-5-3,4,5,6). A few of the titles of the content areas are updated, the C7 Prevention Strategies content area has been replaced since the treatment licenses do not have the scope of practice to perform prevention services, so C7 content area is now Relapse and Recovery Strategies. And now a total of 6 hours must be completed under Pharmacology in education on medications for addiction treatment. And there is an increase in ethics education hours for license applicants. Please see the updated Specific SUD Education Grids and Content Area definitions under Certification and Licensure as those are updated on this current website.

Some of the **fees** have changed under the new rules so please check fees under OAC 4758-3. Please note that fees can now be assessed by the Board for failed audits for

required continuing education renewal hours. Educational providers of CEUS should review the new fee structure for board approved continuing education hours. Those wishing to have education hours approved for teaching courses required for the CDCA can submit a package for sponsor approval; contact our Education Coordinator for more information at Kris@ocdp.ohio.gov

An added rule 4758-11-03 allows our applicants, certificate and license holders to have access to a non-disciplinary “safe haven” program that is the **Ohio Professionals Health Program** (www.ohiophp.org). Those with potential impairment violations can either self-report directly to OPHP or be offered participation by our Board and receive assistance for treatment with the possibility of avoiding discipline on their certificate or license.